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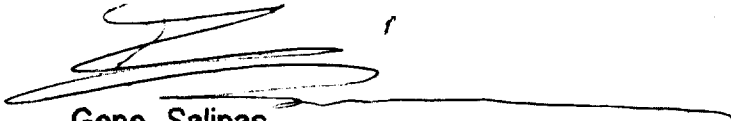
Dear Ms. Henney:

Like all other Americans I have had to live with the fact that any and all dairy products on the market today, except those clearly marked "organic," may have come from cows who have been given bovine growth hormones. Because I am a vegetarian and care about what I eat, this means I have to buy only organic dairy.

Now I am concerned that all kinds of genetically modified foods are in the marketplace, again without being so labeled. I feel strongly that in the United States of America all such altered foods should be clearly labeled so people can make the decision whether or not they wish to consume such foods.

It seems very reasonable to want to have our food labeled so that we will be able to make responsible choices. I hope you will help.

Sincerely,



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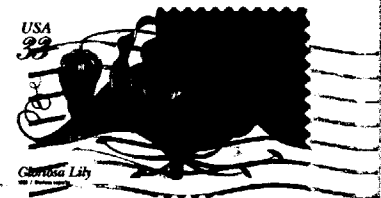
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